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C O N F I D E N T I A L KIGALI 326

KINSHAS ALSO FOR DAO

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS CG

SUBJECT: REPORTED COUP ATTEMPT IN ZAIRE

1. PRESIDENCY SEC GEN LT COLONEL BUREGEYA ASKED ME ANXIOUSLY FEBRUARY 28 WHETHER I HAD ANY NEWS ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN ZAIRE. EXPLAINED HE HAD HEARD THAT OVER 200 FAZ OFFICERS HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN WAKE OF ABORTIVE COUP ATTEMPT. COMMENTED THAT ENTIRE ZAIREN OFFICER CORPS MUST HAVE BEEN IMPLICATED IN COUP PLOTTING.

2. I REPLIED I HAD NO FIRM INFORMATION AT ALL, THANKS PARTLY TO OUR OWN COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS, BUT ADDED I TOO HAD HEARD THAT SOME OFFICERS HAD BEEN ARRESTED (I HAD NO IDEA THEY WERE SO NUMEROUS ) ON CHARGES OF PLOTTING AGAINST MOBUTU. BUREGEYA SAID HE WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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CONCERNED THAT BELGIAN AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS WERE TAKING SOMEWHAT LESS THAN CLEARCUT POSITIONS IN CONNECTION WITH ALLEGED COUP ATTEMPT.

3. COMMENT: INASMUCH AS RWANDAN MILITARY RATHER SLAVISHLY IMITATE ZAIRANS, IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT WORD OF ATTEMPTED COUP THERE SHOULD CAUSE RIPPLES OF

ANXIETY HERE. REQUEST INFO AND SPECIFICALLY ANYTHING  
CONCRETE I CAN PASS ALONG TO BUREGEYA.

4. INCIDENTWLY, ALTHOUGH BUREGEYA MADE NO DIRECT  
CONNECTION BETWEEN REPORTED COUP ATTEMPT AND OUR  
ATTACHES' SUDDEN DEPARTURE FROM KIGALI, IT WAS  
NOTEWORTHY THAT HE RAISED THESE TWO SUBJECTS BACK TO  
BACK.  
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NOTE BY OC/T: TELEGRAM DELAYED IN TRANSMISSION

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